

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application. Favorable examination in light of the remarks which follow is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-18 have been subjected to the following restriction requirement:

Group I claims 1-4, 5, 8-9, 13-17 drawn to hexapeptide of SEQ ID NO 1-9;

Group II claims 1-3, 5, 6-7, 8-9, 14-17 drawn to peptides of SEQ ID NO 10-30;

Group III claims 10 and 18, drawn to polynucleotide;

Group IV claims 11, drawn to method of producing the antimicrobial peptide using recombinant techniques; and

Group V claims 12, drawn to method of producing an antimicrobial peptide using synthetic techniques.

Applicants elect Group II (claims 1-3, 5, 6-7, 8-9, and 14-17) without traverse for examination. Applicants further elect the Species of SEQ ID 10. Claims 1-3, 5, 6-7, 8-9, and 14-17 read on the elected species.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

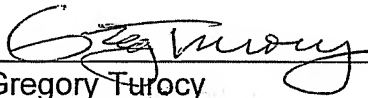
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Respectfully submitted,

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